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Appln. No. : 09/909,001

Confirmation No.: 8747

Applicant(s) : Claudia CHISEA et al.

Filed : July 18, 2001

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Examiner : Kenneth R. HORLICK

For : METHODS FOR ISOLATING  
ONE STRAND OF A DOUBLE-  
STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID

Customer No. : 22896

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendment dated December 19, 2003

Reply to Office Action of June 19, 2003

submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems  
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Respectfully submitted,

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